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SUBJ: EXPULSION OF SOVIET TRADE OFFICIAL KARELINE

REF: USBERLIN 0984

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP EXPRESSION OF SOVIET RESENTMENT OF THE ALLIED ACTION AGAINST KARELIN. IN SPITE OF KHOTULEV'S STATEMENT TO POLAD ON MAY 6 THAT HE WOULD BE TALKING TO US AGAIN, HE HAS NOT SINCE REFERRED TO MATTER. WE EXPECTED KARELIN MIGHT BE SUBJECT OF A MAY 19 APPOINTMENT WHICH KHOTULEV REQUESTED WITH POLAD, BUT SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE.

2. THE SOVIETS ARE, AS WE EXPECTED, TREATING IT AS NORMAL TRANSFER. ON MAY 12, GRIGORIAN, CHIEF OF THE SOVIET TRADE OFFICE, WROTE ROUTINE LETTER TO US CHIEF OF ECON SECTION, STATING THAT KARELIN HAD DEPARTED ON MAY 7, "AFTER FINISHING HIS TOUR OF DUTY."

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3. ABSENCE OF SOVIET PROTEST IS UNEXPECTED, BUT TIME

LAPSE SO FAR MAY INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE PROVISIONALLY
DECIDED TO TREAT MATTER AS "NON-EVENT." IF THIS IS
TRUE, WE THINK THE FOREBEARANCE IS LINKED TO AND WILL BE
DETERMINED BY A CONTINUED LACK OF PUBLICITY. ALTHOUGH
WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT NO PUBLICITY HAS YET OCCURRED, WE
ARE MINDFUL OF ITS POSSIBILITY, SINCE ONE OF THE MAIN
GERMAN INFORMANTS IS THE WIFE OF A SPIEGEL ARCHIVIST.
IF THE MEDIA TAKE UP THE MATTER, THE SOVS WILL PROBABLY
REACT WITH BELATED PROTEST.
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